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Ms. Sheila Desai  
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United States Environmental Protection Agency – Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard (SR – 6J)  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Dear Ms. Desai:

Re: RI/FS Project Schedule  
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property Operable Unit No. 7  
Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site  
Allegan and Kalamazoo County

Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (CRA) has prepared the attached project schedule for completion of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the former Plainwell, Inc. Mill property (Site), on behalf of the Weyerhaeuser Company (Weyerhaeuser) for the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA's) review and approval.

The attached RI/FS completion schedule identifies the tasks remaining pursuant to the Statement of Work (SOW) for the Site which forms part of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit #4 and the Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree), which became effective February 22, 2005. It should be noted that the attached schedule proposes that Task 5: Identification of Remedial Action Objectives and Task 6: Development and Screening of Remedial Alternatives of the SOW be incorporated into Task 7: Feasibility Study. Incorporating Tasks 5 and 6 into the Feasibility Study, which is consistent with the provisions of the SOW, will significantly reduce the overall project schedule for completion of the RI/FS. Therefore, through this letter, Weyerhaeuser is requesting U.S. EPA's agreement with this approach.

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Should you have any questions with regard to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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